price thereof are indicated below:

No. of ingot moulds (Typewise)	Unit Price*
215 (25 T)	@Rs. 3,18,710
10 (Type II 21.1 T)	@Rs. 3,05,000
20 (Type I 21.1 T)	@Rs. 2,48,000

*Exclusives of Taxes and duties.

(g) to (i) Most of the ingot moulds purchased and supplied were of heat bearing capacity of more than 10 heats as against the contract provision of minimum number of 10 heats (30-36 heats are not specified). Against pre-mature failures of moulds (i.e. the life given was less than 10 heats), free replacements were arranged from the parties concerned and these failures are also taken into account while finalising future orders.

Regularisation Of Services Of Casual Workers of Appu Ghar

1046. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of Appu Ghar in Exhibition Ground, New Delhi are made to work for more than 11 hours i.e. from 10.00 A.M.; to 9.15 p.m.;

(b) whether there are a large number of employees who have put in more than 240 days of continuous service and still casual workers;

(c) whether the management has refused to recognise the trade union of its employees, even when it is registered; and

(d) if so, the steps are being taken to see that rules are not violated by the management and employees get the benefits under the rules?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (d) The Trade Fair Authority of India has only licenced out a portion of land in Pragati Maidan to M/s. International Amusement Ltd. a private owned company for running and operation of Appu Ghar on payment of licence fee. That company has recruited staff for running and operation of Appu Ghar on their own terms and conditions.

Curtailment of expenditure incurred on offices abroad

1047. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have recently taken some steps to curtail expenditure on its offices abroad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the posts have also been abolished; and

(d) if so, the amount of foreign exchange likely to be saved as a result of these austerity measures?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to rationalise the working of foreign offices of some of the organisations under the control of the Ministry of Commerce, it has been decided to merge offices of STC, MMTC, PEC, TDA, Tea Board and MPEDA into newly constituted integrated offices of Bharat Business International Limited. The details are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below) BBIL has been asked to coordinate in this matter with the organisations concerned and work out specifically the saving in staff and foreign exchange expenditure as a result of the rationalisation exercise.

(c) As a result of rationalisation, a number of posts abroad under the control of the organisations mentioned in part (b) above will be abolished.

(d) The exact amount of foreign exchange saving consequent to the rationalisation is being worked out by BBIL.

Statement

Ministry of Commerce Offices abroad

Region	Rationalised Office	
	Location	Structure
Middle East . . .	Dubai (BBIL)	3 STC+1 TDA+2 TBd
	Amman (BBIL)	1 MMTC
Africa . . .	Harare (BBIL)	1 STC
	Morrocco/Tunisia (BBIL)	1 STC
West Europe .	London (BBIL)	3 STC+3 TBd
	Frankfurt (BBIL)	4 STC+2 TDA
East Europe . . .	Moscow (BBIL)	3 STC
	Bucharest (BBIL)	2 MMTC
	Berlin (BBIL)	1 STC
South East Asia & Australia	Tokyo (BBIL)	4 MMTC+1 TDA+2MPEDA
	Seoul (BBIL)	2 MMTC
	Hong Kong (BBIL)	4 STC
	Singapore (BBIL)	3 STC
	Melbourne (BBIL)	2 STC
Americas . . .	New York/Los Angeles (BBIL)	3 STC+1 TDA+2 MPEDA

Group of secretaries to monitor the performance of the economy

1048. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have set up a Committee with a group of secretaries to monitor the effect of economy drive on monthly basis;

(b) if so, whether it has submitted any report to Government; and

(c) what is their assessment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) The Cabinet Secretariat has not set up any Committee or a Group of Secretaries to monitor the performance of the economy on a monthly basis. However, Groups/Committees of Secretaries meet as and when required to discuss important economic matters related to various aspects of the economy. These committees look into the specific issues from time to time.

1049. [*Transferred to 27th August 1990*]